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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VARIABLE LEVIES ON SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN
PRODUCTS

REF A. STATE 228318; B. MADRID 6800 C. MADRID 6814

JUAN ANTONIO DEL CASTILLO, SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL POLICY, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE,
CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL (C)
CONCERNING HIS POSITION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOS
VARIABLE LEVY IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH GATT RULES AND WAS
THEREFORE INCORRECT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PROBLEM
APPARENTLY LIES WITHIN HIS MINISTRY, SPECIFICALLY THE
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS AND IMPORT POLICY, SINCE
THEY DID NOT OBTAIN HIS CLEARANCE BEFORE SETTING THE
MACHINERY IN MOTION FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE
VARIABLE LEVY. THE IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTY LIES IN THE
FACT THAT DEL CASTILLO IS TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON
SATURDAY ON WORLD BANK BUSINESS AND WILL NOT BE
PRESENT IN MADRID TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ACTION TO DEROGATE
THE VARIABLE LEVY DECREE, AN ACTION HE IS LEAVING TO
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ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE CERTAINLY

"HOPED" THAT THE WHOLE MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED AND THE
DECREE DEROGATED BEFORE A COUPLE OF WEEKS HAD PASSED.
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